

***Supreme Court***  
***2020 Annual Report***  
***Annual Caseload Report***

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# Supreme Court Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

## **Filings**

**Notice Of Appeal** - A review of a trial court decision in these select circumstances: review is authorized statutorily; an issue of constitutionality is involved; conflicting appellate decisions are at issue; questions of public importance are raised; or, the death penalty was decreed. Notices of appeal directly following a judgment in a superior court as a matter of right must be filed within 30 days. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Cases opened on notice of appeal can reach the Supreme Court by these means: direct appeal from trial court; certification by the Court of Appeals; granting of a motion to transfer an appeal from the Court of Appeals; or an administrative transfer initiated by the Supreme Court to relieve pressure on the Court of Appeals or because a similar case is already being heard by the Supreme Court.

## **Petitions For Review**

- A review of any Court of Appeals' decision terminating review. The Supreme Court only accepts reviews of decisions that conflict with other Supreme Court or Court of Appeals' decisions, that involve a significant question of law under the federal or state constitution, or that concern "an issue of substantial public interest..." (Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 13.4).

## **Other Reviews**

- The five following categories are grouped under the title "Other Reviews": personal restraint petitions, discretionary reviews, original actions against state officers, petitions for expenditures of public funds, and reviews certified from federal court.

## **Personal Restraint Petition**

- A petition to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement. The Supreme Court normally exercises its jurisdiction over such petitions by transferring them to the Court of Appeals (RAP 16.5).

## **Discretionary Review**

- A review of interlocutory orders of the superior court. Reviews made prior to a final determination of the case, in which a party argues that the trial court has committed an error pursuant to RAP 2.3(b). Discretionary reviews are in the purview of the Supreme Court under most of the same conditions that apply for notices of appeal. The Supreme Court may be requested by motion for discretionary review, to review interlocutory Court of Appeals' decisions, and decisions on personal restraint petitions.

## **Actions Against State Officers -**

Both the Supreme Court and the superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction over a petition against a state officer in the nature of quo warranto, prohibition, and mandamus (RAP 16.2), generally preventing a continued exercise of authority unlawfully asserted.

## **Petitions For Expenditures Of Public Funds**

- Petitions for expenditure from the indigent defense fund (RAP 15.2).

### **Certified From Federal Court**

- Reviews certified to determine a question of state law which does not involve a question determined by reference to the United States Constitution (RAP 16.16).

## **Dispositions**

Cases are considered officially disposed in the Supreme Court as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the Supreme Court Clerk.

### **Opinions**

- Those cases which were reviewed by the Court and had an opinion written.

### **Motion On The Merits**

- Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

### **Dismissed**

- An order, issued by the Court, dismissing the review prior to a determination of the merits. The commissioner or clerk may dismiss a review for failure to comply with procedures. The Court, on motion of a party, may dismiss a review if the review is frivolous, moot, or solely for the purpose of delay. Also, the Court may dismiss reviews for want of prosecution or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

### **Transferred To Court Of Appeals**

- To promote the orderly administration of justice, the Supreme Court may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case to the Court of Appeals.

### **Review Not Accepted**

- Reviews disposed through this manner are not accepted because they fail to meet the requirements of review stated in Rule 2 and Rule 13 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. These requirements are summarized in the above glossary definitions for each review type.

### **Terminated**

- An order issued by the Court terminating the review before an opinion is rendered. An order to terminate a review would result if, for example, a petitioner decided to withdraw the review.

## **Pending**

**Case Stayed** - Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the Court.

### **Ready For Setting**

- Those cases within the stages of perfection which have at minimum had the briefs filed but have yet to be set on the Court calendar for review.

### **Not Ready For Setting**

- Those cases within the stages of perfection which are ready for consideration but have yet to file further pleadings.

### **Set For Motion On The Merits**

- Those cases which have been set on the motion on the merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

### **Set For Oral Argument**

- Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served and have been set for review.

### **Opinion/Order In Process**

- Those cases which have been reviewed by the Court but have yet to receive a decision.

## **Mandated**

A decision is mandated by the Clerk of the Supreme Court with a written notification of the Court's decision to the originating court and the parties involved.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity by Source of Review - 2020 Annual Report

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
<b>FILINGS</b>						
Total Filings	135	1,050	109	65	2	1,361
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>						
Opinions Published	11	54	1	1	2	69
Opinion Terminating Review	11	54	1	1	2	69
Dismissed	0	5	0	0	0	5
Transferred/Certified	13	0	0	0	0	13
Review Not Accepted	0	30	1	0	0	31
Other Terminations	61	519	17	0	1	598
Order Terminating Review	74	554	18	0	1	647
Dismissed	8	15	2	0	0	25
Review Not Accepted	11	409	1	0	0	421
Other Terminations	6	4	7	0	0	17
Ruling Terminating Review	25	428	10	0	0	463
Other Terminations	0	0	0	70	0	70
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	70	0	70
Total Resolved	110	1,036	29	71	3	1,249
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>						
Cases Stayed	2	25	0	3	0	30

**(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review".**

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	<b>Trial Courts</b>	<b>Court of Appeals</b>	<b>Original Actions</b>	<b>WSBA / CJC</b>	<b>Certified Issues</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cases Ready	2	1	0	0	0	3
Cases Not Ready	12	96	1	5	0	114
Set for Motion Calendar	29	212	4	0	0	245
Set for Oral Argument	3	14	1	1	0	19
Total Awaiting Hearing	48	348	6	9		411
Opinion/Order in Process	7	20	1	0	1	29
Total Pending Decision	55	368	7	9	1	440
<b>MANDATED</b>						
Opinion Terminating Review	12	63	1	1	4	81
Order Terminating Review	74	553	17	0	0	644
Ruling Terminating Review	21	399	14	0	0	434
Other Decision Terminating Review	12	33	79	70	0	194
Total Mandated	119	1,048	111	71	4	1,353

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	2	37	39	8	21	29	0	67	135
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Opinions Published	0	8	8	0	3	3	0	0	11
Opinion Terminating Review	0	8	8	0	3	3	0	0	11
Transferred/Certified	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Other Terminations	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	58	61
Order Terminating Review	0	15	15	0	1	1	0	58	74
Dismissed	0	4	4	0	4	4	0	0	8
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	2	9	11	0	0	11
Other Terminations	0	0	0	1	5	6	0	0	6
Ruling Terminating Review	0	4	4	3	18	21	0	0	25
Total Resolved	0	27	27	3	22	25	0	58	110
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cases Ready	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Cases Not Ready	0	11	11	0	1	1	0	0	12
Set for Motion Calendar	1	4	5	3	3	6	0	18	29
Set for Oral Argument	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	3
Total Awaiting Hearing	2	19	21	4	5	9	0	18	48

**(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.**

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----- Appeals -----

----- Discretionary Review -----

	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
Opinion/Order in Process	0	4	4	2	1	3	0	0	7
Total Pending Decision	2	23	25	6	6	12	0	18	55
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	9	9	0	3	3	0	0	12
Order Terminating Review	0	15	15	0	1	1	0	58	74
Ruling Terminating Review	0	2	2	2	17	19	0	0	21
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	4	5	1	3	4	0	3	12
Total Mandated	1	30	31	3	24	27	0	61	119

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(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.

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	Petition for Review			Motions for Discretionary Review			Discretionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total				
<b>FILINGS</b>										
Total Filings	361	219	580	30	123	153	316	0	1	1,050
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>										
Opinions Published	17	23	40	1	6	7	4	1	2	54
Opinion Terminating Review	17	23	40	1	6	7	4	1	2	54
Dismissed	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Review Not Accepted	9	5	14	1	8	9	7	0	0	30
Other Terminations	298	194	492	3	24	27	0	0	0	519
Order Terminating Review	308	203	511	4	32	36	7	0	0	554
Dismissed	6	3	9	1	3	4	2	0	0	15
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	26	72	98	310	0	1	409
Other Terminations	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	4
Ruling Terminating Review	6	3	9	27	78	105	313	0	1	428
Total Resolved	331	229	560	32	116	148	324	1	3	1,036
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>										
Cases Stayed	11	0	11	1	1	2	10	0	2	25
Cases Ready	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	11	4	15	2	2	4	77	0	0	96
Set for Motion Calendar	105	67	172	6	27	33	7	0	0	212

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	Petition for Review			Motions for Discretionary Review			Discretionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total				
Set for Oral Argument	4	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
Total Awaiting Hearing	131	80	211	10	30	40	94	0	3	348
Opinion/Order in Process	11	4	15	2	0	2	2	0	1	20
Total Pending Decision	142	84	226	12	30	42	96	0	4	368
MANDATED										
Opinion Terminating Review	24	26	50	2	5	7	3	1	2	63
Order Terminating Review	308	200	508	4	32	36	8	1	0	553
Ruling Terminating Review	5	3	8	37	83	120	270	0	1	399
Other Decision Terminating Review	8	11	19	0	9	9	4	0	1	33
Total Mandated	345	240	585	43	129	172	285	2	4	1,048

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	<b>Actions Against</b>	<b>Personal Restraints</b>	<b>Death Penalty PRP</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Reviews</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Certified from Federal Court</b>
<b>FILINGS</b>						
Total Filings	15	78	0	16	109	2
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>						
Opinions Published	1	0	0	0	1	2
Total Opinions	1	0	0	0	1	2
Review Not Accepted	0	1	0	0	1	0
Other Terminations	4	0	0	13	17	1
Total Orders	4	1	0	13	18	1
Dismissed	2	0	0	0	2	0
Review Not Accepted	0	1	0	0	1	0
Other Terminations	7	0	0	0	7	0
Total Rulings	9	1	0	0	10	0
Total Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	14	2	0	13	29	3
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>						
Cases Not Ready	0	1	0	0	1	0
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	0	4	4	0
Set for Oral Argument	1	0	0	0	1	0
Total Awaiting Hearing	1	1	0	4	6	0

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	<b>Actions Against</b>	<b>Personal Restraints</b>	<b>Death Penalty PRP</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Reviews</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Certified from Federal Court</b>
Opinion/Order in Process	1	0	0	0	1	1
Opinion/Order in Process	1	0	0	0	1	1
Total Pending Decision	2	1	0	4	7	1
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	1	0	0	0	1	4
Order Terminating Review	3	1	0	13	17	0
Ruling Terminating Review	12	1	0	1	14	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	76	0	2	79	0
Total Mandated	17	78	0	16	111	4

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## Court Activity, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2020 Annual Report

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	----- Washington State Bar Association -----						Commission on Judicial Conduct				
	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
<b>FILINGS</b>											
Total Filings	0	6	0	0	4	55	65	0	0	0	65
<b>RESOLUTIONS (1)</b>											
Opinions	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Opinion	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Terminations	0	5	0	0	4	61	70	0	0	0	70
Total Others	0	5	0	0	4	61	70	0	0	0	70
Total Resolved	0	5	1	0	4	61	71	0	0	0	71
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3
Cases Not Ready	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	5
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	0	1	0	1	7	9	0	0	0	9
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Pending Decision	0	0	1	0	1	7	9	0	0	0	9
<b>MANDATED</b>											
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Order Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruling Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	5	0	0	4	61	70	0	0	0	70

(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

(2) Includes Notice of Discipline, Stipulation and Reciprocal Discipline, Disability Inactive Status Appeal, Transfer to Disability Inactive Status, Financial and Miscellaneous Non-Discipline.

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----- Washington State Bar Association -----

Commission on Judicial Conduct

	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
Total Mandated	0	5	1	0	4	61	71	0	0	0	71

(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."  
 (2) Includes Notice of Discipline, Stipulation and Reciprocal Discipline, Disability Inactive Status Appeal, Transfer to Disability Inactive Status, Financial and Miscellaneous Non-Discipline.

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## History of Filings - 2016 to 2020

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	2016	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)
<b>TRIAL COURTS</b>									
Criminal Appeals	1	1	. %	5	. %	2	. %	2	. %
Civil Appeals	35	50	42.9 %	39	-22 %	29	. %	37	. %
TOTAL Appeals	36	51	41.7 %	44	-13.7 %	31	-29.5 %	39	25.8 %
Direct Discretionary Review	15	26	. %	22	. %	18	. %	29	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	66	68	3 %	83	22.1 %	69	-16.9 %	67	-2.9 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	117	145	23.9 %	149	2.8 %	118	-20.8 %	135	14.4 %
<b>COURT OF APPEALS</b>									
Criminal	361	338	-6.4 %	388	14.8 %	349	-10.1 %	361	3.4 %
Civil	261	264	1.1 %	230	-12.9 %	276	20 %	219	-20.7 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	622	602	-3.2 %	618	2.7 %	625	1.1 %	580	-7.2 %
Motion for Discr. Review	130	155	19.2 %	135	-12.9 %	174	28.9 %	153	-12.1 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	308	287	-6.8 %	279	-2.8 %	294	5.4 %	316	7.5 %
Certifications/Transfers	5	3	. %	6	. %	5	. %	1	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	1,065	1,047	-1.7 %	1,038	-0.9 %	1,098	5.8 %	1,050	-4.4 %
<b>ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM</b>									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	108	117	8.3 %	106	-9.4 %	92	-13.2 %	111	20.7 %
<b>WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL</b>									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	118	105	-11 %	109	3.8 %	89	-18.3 %	65	-27 %
TOTAL FILED	1,408	1,414	0.4 %	1,402	-0.8 %	1,397	-0.4 %	1,361	-2.6 %

(1) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

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## History of Resolutions - 2016 to 2020

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	2016	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)
<b>TRIAL COURTS</b>									
Criminal Appeals	2	2	. %	3	. %	3	. %		. %
Civil Appeals	45	38	-15.6 %	34	-10.5 %	39	14.7 %	27	. %
TOTAL Appeals	47	40	-14.9 %	37	-7.5 %	42	13.5 %	27	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	12	32	. %	21	. %	14	. %	25	. %
Death Penalty Review	0	0	%	3	. %	0	. %	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	65	63	-3.1 %	74	17.5 %	64	-13.5 %	58	-9.4 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	124	135	8.9 %	135	0 %	120	-11.1 %	110	-8.3 %
<b>COURT OF APPEALS</b>									
Criminal	401	361	-10 %	374	3.6 %	362	-3.2 %	331	-8.6 %
Civil	302	276	-8.6 %	251	-9.1 %	253	0.8 %	229	-9.5 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	703	637	-9.4 %	625	-1.9 %	615	-1.6 %	560	-8.9 %
Motion for Discr. Review	131	177	35.1 %	110	-37.9 %	159	44.5 %	148	-6.9 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	291	392	34.7 %	251	-36 %	291	15.9 %	324	11.3 %
Certifications/Transfers	8	6	. %	3	. %	2	. %	4	. %
TOTAL	1,133	1,212	7 %	989	-18.4 %	1,067	7.9 %	1,036	-2.9 %
<b>ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM</b>									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	33	42	27.3 %	22	. %	37	. %	32	-13.5 %
<b>WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL</b>									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	114	110	-3.5 %	119	8.2 %	82	-31.1 %	71	-13.4 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	1,404	1,499	6.8 %	1,265	-15.6 %	1,306	3.2 %	1,249	-4.4 %

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## History of Pending Cases - 2016 to 2020

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	2016	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)
Criminal Appeals	1	0	. %	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Civil Appeals	27	31	. %	26	. %	19	. %	23	. %
Total Appeals	28	31	%	29	. %	20	. %	25	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	13	8	. %	8	. %	10	. %	12	. %
Death Penalty Review	3	3	. %	0	. %	0	%	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	11	14	. %	10	. %	10	. %	18	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	55	56	1.8 %	47	-16.1 %	40	-14.9 %	55	37.5 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	150	132	-12 %	138	4.5 %	120	-13 %	142	18.3 %
Civil	125	111	-11.2 %	90	-18.9 %	101	12.2 %	84	-16.8 %
Total Petition for Review	275	243	-11.6 %	228	-6.2 %	221	-3.1 %	226	2.3 %
Motion for Discr. Review	46	20	. %	40	. %	50	25 %	42	-16 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	191	79	-58.6 %	105	32.9 %	107	1.9 %	96	-10.3 %
Certifications/Transfers	9	3	. %	1	. %	6	. %	4	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	521	345	-33.8 %	374	8.4 %	384	2.7 %	368	-4.2 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	12	10	. %	12	. %	8	. %	8	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	27	21	.%	9	.%	14	.%	9	.%
TOTAL PENDING	588	411	-30.1 %	433	5.4 %	432	-0.2 %	431	-0.2 %

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## Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2016 to 2020

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	2016	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	1,408	1,414	.4 %	1,402	-8 %	1,397	-.4 %	1,361	-2.6 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Total Opinions	98	89	-9.2 %	101	13.5 %	88	-12.9 %	69	-21.6 %
Dismissed	1	2	. %	1	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Transferred/Certified	21	27	. %	15	. %	24	. %	13	. %
Review Not Accepted	19	24	. %	23	. %	25	. %	31	. %
Other Terminations	720	669	-7.1 %	645	-3.6 %	633	-1.9 %	598	-5.5 %
Total Orders	761	722	-5.1 %	684	-5.3 %	689	.7 %	647	-6.1 %
Dismissed	61	31	-49.2 %	21	. %	37	. %	25	. %
Transferred/Certified	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	248	363	46.4 %	219	-39.7 %	312	42.5 %	421	34.9 %
Other Terminations	122	186	52.5 %	126	-32.3 %	99	-21.4 %	17	. %
Total Rulings	432	580	34.3 %	366	-36.9 %	448	22.4 %	463	3.3 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	113	108	-4.4 %	114	5.6 %	81	-28.9 %	70	-13.6 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,306	1,410	8.0 %	1,164	-17.4 %	1,218	4.6 %	1,180	-3.1 %
Total Resolved	1,404	1,499	6.8 %	1,265	-15.6 %	1,306	3.2 %	1,249	-4.4 %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	16	17	. %	14	. %	13	. %	30	. %
Cases Ready	4	7	. %	8	. %	9	. %	3	. %
Cases Not Ready	494	238	-51.8 %	166	-30.3 %	132	-20.5 %	114	-13.6 %

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	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>
Set for Motion Calendar	36	100	177.8 %	206	106.0 %	242	17.5 %	245	1.2 %
Set for Oral Argument	26	41	. %	26	. %	24	. %	19	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	576	403	-30.0 %	420	4.2 %	420	.0 %	411	-2.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	39	29	. %	22	. %	26	. %	29	. %
Total Pending Decision	615	432	-29.8 %	442	2.3 %	446	.9 %	440	-1.3 %
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	94	105	11.7 %	100	-4.8 %	91	-9.0 %	81	-11.0 %
Order Terminating Review	762	722	-5.2 %	688	-4.7 %	688	.0 %	644	-6.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	434	551	27.0 %	415	-24.7 %	440	6.0 %	434	-1.4 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	208	196	-5.8 %	226	15.3 %	171	-24.3 %	194	13.5 %
Total Mandated	1,498	1,574	5.1 %	1,429	-9.2 %	1,390	-2.7 %	1,353	-2.7 %

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	2016	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	117	145	23.9 %	149	2.8 %	118	-20.8 %	135	14.4 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Total Opinions	12	12	. %	10	. %	15	. %	11	. %
Dismissed	1	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	21	24	. %	15	. %	24	. %	13	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	0	. %	6	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	67	62	-7.5 %	76	22.6 %	60	-21.1 %	61	1.7 %
Total Orders	89	86	-3.4 %	92	7.0 %	91	-1.1 %	74	-18.7 %
Dismissed	16	21	. %	14	. %	7	. %	8	. %
Transferred/Certified	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	11	. %
Other Terminations	5	16	. %	19	. %	5	. %	6	. %
Total Rulings	23	37	. %	33	-10.8 %	14	. %	25	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	112	123	9.8 %	125	1.6 %	105	-16.0 %	99	-5.7 %
Total Resolved	124	135	8.9 %	135	.0 %	120	-11.1 %	110	-8.3 %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	0	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Cases Ready	3	3	. %	3	. %	6	. %	2	. %
Cases Not Ready	26	21	. %	23	. %	9	. %	12	. %

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	2016	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)
Set for Motion Calendar	13	23	. %	14	. %	16	. %	29	. %
Set for Oral Argument	4	3	. %	4	. %	2	. %	3	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	46	51	10.9 %	45	-11.8 %	34	-24.4 %	48	41.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	9	5	. %	2	. %	6	. %	7	. %
Total Pending Decision	55	56	1.8 %	47	-16.1 %	40	-14.9 %	55	37.5 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	11	19	. %	11	. %	14	. %	12	. %
Order Terminating Review	89	87	-2.2 %	91	4.6 %	92	1.1 %	74	-19.6 %
Ruling Terminating Review	22	33	. %	35	6.1 %	19	. %	21	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	2	. %	24	. %	5	. %	12	. %
Total Mandated	125	141	12.8 %	161	14.2 %	130	-19.3 %	119	-8.5 %

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## Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2016 to 2020

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	2016	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	1,065	1,047	-1.7 %	1,038	-9 %	1,098	5.8 %	1,050	-4.4 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Total Opinions	79	70	-11.4 %	82	17.1 %	65	-20.7 %	54	-16.9 %
Dismissed	0	2	. %	0	. %	4	. %	5	. %
Review Not Accepted	19	24	. %	22	. %	17	. %	30	. %
Other Terminations	628	580	-7.6 %	559	-3.6 %	558	-.2 %	519	-7.0 %
Total Orders	647	606	-6.3 %	581	-4.1 %	579	-.3 %	554	-4.3 %
Dismissed	44	8	. %	7	. %	26	. %	15	. %
Review Not Accepted	247	363	47.0 %	218	-39.9 %	307	40.8 %	409	33.2 %
Other Terminations	116	165	42.2 %	101	-38.8 %	90	-10.9 %	4	. %
Total Rulings	407	536	31.7 %	326	-39.2 %	423	29.8 %	428	1.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,054	1,142	8.3 %	907	-20.6 %	1,002	10.5 %	982	-2.0 %
Total Resolved	1,133	1,212	7.0 %	989	-18.4 %	1,067	7.9 %	1,036	-2.9 %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	14	14	. %	10	. %	9	. %	25	. %
Cases Ready	0	4	. %	3	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Cases Not Ready	438	197	-55.0 %	136	-31.0 %	110	-19.1 %	96	-12.7 %
Set for Motion Calendar	20	75	. %	186	148.0 %	223	19.9 %	212	-4.9 %
Set for Oral Argument	21	33	. %	19	. %	20	. %	14	. %

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	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>% Chg (1)</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Chg (1)</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>% Chg (1)</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>% Chg (1)</b>
Total Awaiting Hearing	493	323	-34.5 %	354	9.6 %	365	3.1 %	348	-4.7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	28	22	. %	20	. %	19	. %	20	. %
Total Pending Decision	521	345	-33.8 %	374	8.4 %	384	2.7 %	368	-4.2 %
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	77	78	1.3 %	81	3.8 %	69	-14.8 %	63	-8.7 %
Order Terminating Review	648	606	-6.5 %	584	-3.6 %	577	-1.2 %	553	-4.2 %
Ruling Terminating Review	408	509	24.8 %	373	-26.7 %	414	11.0 %	399	-3.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	13	9	. %	10	. %	22	. %	33	. %
Total Mandated	1,146	1,202	4.9 %	1,048	-12.8 %	1,082	3.2 %	1,048	-3.1 %

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	2016	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	105	111	5.7 %	101	-9.0 %	87	-13.9 %	109	25.3 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Total Opinions	1	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	3	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	25	26	. %	10	. %	14	. %	17	. %
Total Orders	25	29	. %	11	. %	17	. %	18	. %
Dismissed	1	2	. %	0	. %	4	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	1	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	1	5	. %	6	. %	4	. %	7	. %
Total Rulings	2	7	. %	7	. %	11	. %	10	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	27	36	. %	18	. %	28	. %	28	. %
Total Resolved	28	37	. %	18	. %	29	. %	29	. %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	1	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	5	3	. %	1	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Set for Motion Calendar	3	2	. %	6	. %	3	. %	4	. %
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %

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	2016	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	9	6	. %	7	. %	6	. %	6	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Total Pending Decision	9	6	. %	7	. %	6	. %	7	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Order Terminating Review	25	29	. %	12	. %	17	. %	17	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	4	9	. %	7	. %	7	. %	14	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	78	77	-1.3 %	78	1.3 %	63	-19.2 %	79	25.4 %
Total Mandated	107	117	9.3 %	97	-17.1 %	88	-9.3 %	111	26.1 %

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## Court Activity Trends, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2016 to 2020

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	2016	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	118	105	-11.0 %	109	3.8 %	89	-18.3 %	65	-27.0 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Total Opinions	1	2	. %	5	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Total Orders	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Rulings	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	113	108	-4.4 %	114	5.6 %	81	-28.9 %	70	-13.6 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	113	108	-4.4 %	114	5.6 %	82	-28.1 %	70	-14.6 %
Total Resolved	114	110	-3.5 %	119	8.2 %	82	-31.1 %	71	-13.4 %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	1	1	. %	3	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Cases Not Ready	25	17	. %	6	. %	10	. %	5	. %
Set for Oral Argument	0	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	26	20	. %	9	. %	14	. %	9	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	1	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	27	21	. %	9	. %	14	. %	9	. %
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	3	. %	3	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Order Terminating Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %

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	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>
Other Decision Terminating Review	113	108	-4.4 %	114	5.6 %	81	-28.9 %	70	-13.6 %
Total Mandated	113	111	%	117	5.4 %	84	-28.2 %	71	-15.5 %

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